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Docket No. K-0386

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Reply to Office Action of September 30, 2004

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable reconsideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-12 and 14-20 are pending in the present application. Claims 2 and 13 have been canceled and claims 1, 3, 4, 6, 8-10, 12 and 14-19 have been amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, claims 1, 6-8, 12, 16 and 17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Dawson in view of Dodabalapur; and claims 2-5, 9-11, 13-15 and 18-20 were indicated as allowable if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter. In light of this indication, claim 1 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in claim 2 and claim 12 has been amended to include the subject matter recited in claim 13. Accordingly, the pending claims are allowable and the rejection noted in the outstanding Office Action is moot.

Further, the specification and claims has been amended to correct minor cosmetic informalities and not to depend on any canceled claims.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited. If the Examiner believes that any additional changes would place the application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney, David A. Bilodeau, at the telephone number listed below.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this, concurrent and future replies, including extension of time fees, to Deposit Account 16-0607 and please credit any excess fees to such deposit account.

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